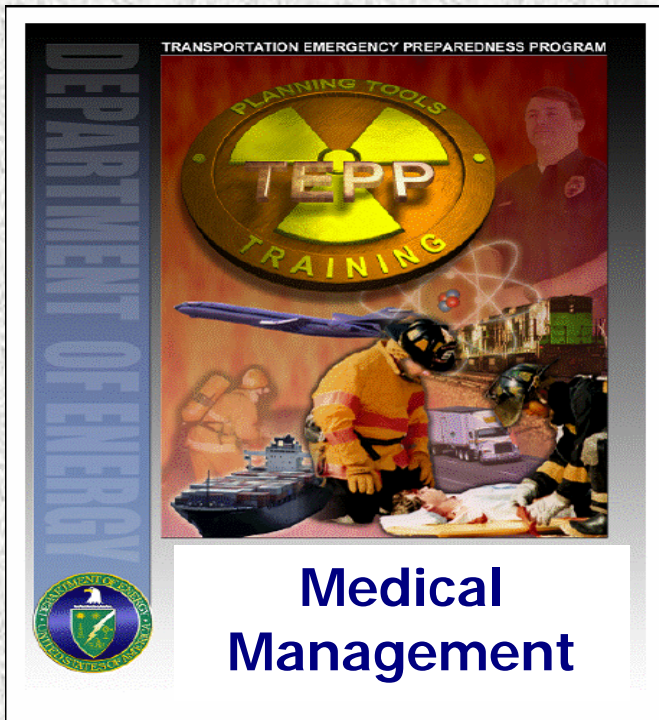


# TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

**What:**

Transportation Radiation Training for Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP)

**When:**

Friday, January 23, 2009  
8 AM to 5 PM

**Where:**

Sutter Tracy Community Hospital  
Community Room  
1420 N. Tracy Blvd.  
Tracy, CA 95376

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**Medical Management Training:**

This FREE eight-hour course intended for hospital emergency room doctors, nurses, and patient decontamination team members who may be required to treat a patient potentially contaminated with transuranic material from a WIPP transportation accident. Field experts introduce students to the concepts of radiation physics and radiobiology, which prepare them for the detailed explanation of exposure, contamination, internal contamination, and radionuclide incorporation. Upon completion, Students will be able to properly select and prepare an appropriate treatment/decontamination area within the hospital and perform necessary decontamination of a patient. They are also provided with response and assistance source information for a real or suspected radiation accident.

**Why:**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will resume radioactive waste WIPP shipments during the period February 2009 through September 2009. The shipments will be from GE Vallecitos to WIPP in Carlsbad, New Mexico. The DOE will work with the California Highway Patrol on the optimal time-of-day and day of week for shipments to avoid traffic congestions in the Bay Area and along the route. The Office of Emergency Services has a training and equipment campaign to prepare the locals for the unlikely event of an emergency.

DOE will work with the California Highway Patrol to finalize the planned route for shipments. For the Remote Handled (RH) shipments from GE Vallecitos, DOE plans to use the original LLNL to WIPP via SR 84, I 680, I 580, I 5, SR 99, SR 58, and I 40 to the state line at Needles, CA. including California SR 58. This route passes through the counties of Alameda, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, Kings, Kern, and San Bernardino.

The WIPP Education Program has trained more than 23,000 emergency response professionals along WIPP routes nationwide. This U.S. DOE training begun in 1988, focuses on all emergency responders who may potentially respond to accidents involving WIPP waste shipments. Classes address caring for accident victims, guarding the public welfare, protecting the environment, and ensuring the safety of responders.